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In re Application of

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For: CONTROL OF A SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING A STREAM OF INFORMATION
BASED ON INFORMATION CONTENT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to continued examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-23 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 5-6, and 11-13 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 18-23 are added. Claims 1, 5-6 and 11-13 are independent.